



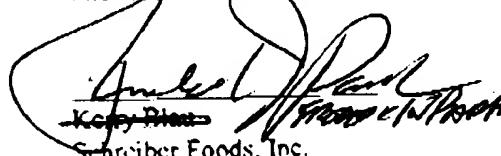
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With regard to the following patent applications, U.S. Serial No. 09/609,016, filed June 30, 2000, titled "A Food Slice Consisting Of Two Or More Food Items. And Processes For Making and Packaging Same" (Attorney Docket No. 3248) and U.S. Serial No. 10/095,330, filed March 11, 2002, titled "Multi-Stage Thickening Composition For Use With Packaged Food Items And Process For Using Same" (Attorney Docket No. 2863CON), I hereby appoint as my attorneys, with full powers of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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